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Historical Sketches
of the
Kings of England

William I.

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William I.st Born 1023. Began to reign 1066. Died. 1087.

William the First, as the Conqueror known,
By the battle of Hastings, ascended the throne
His acts were all made in the Norman tongue
And at eight every evening, the curfew was rung
When each English subject by royal desire
Extinguished his candle & put out his fire
He bridled the kingdom with forts round
the border [order.
And the Tower of London was built by his

William II. Born

William style

Of virtues pr

But though

He built Tond

Walter Tyre

Attempted a

But, missing

And the body

William II. Born 1056. Began to reign 1087. Died. 1100.

William styled Rufus, from having red hair
Of virtues possessed but a moderate share;
But though he was one, whom we cooctors call
He built London-bridge & famed Westminster hall.
Walter Tyrell his favorite, hunting one day
Attempted a deer, with an arrow to slay
But, missing his aim, struck the king to the heart,
And the body was carried away in a cart.

Henry I.st Borre

Henry the F.

And Beau-cler

His subjects

He lighten'd

Abolished the

And kindly

But he was

And at last

Henry I.st Born. 1068. Began to reign. 1100. Died. 1135.

Henry the First for his learning was famed
And Beau-clerc or fine Scholar was justly surnamed
His subjects revered him & not without cause
He lighten'd their burdens, restored their old laws
Abolished the Curfew, bad money put down
And kindly remitted the debts of the crown
But he was severe, and ambitious beside
And at last by a surfeit of lampreys he died.

Stephen
King Henry
Than Steph
By arts and
And by pop
And thoug
He felt as a
Yet Fortune
And there

Stephen. Born 1085. Began to reign. 1135. Died. 1154.

King Henry's demise was no sooner made known
Than Stephen contrived to step into the throne;
By arts and by bribes, he the clergy secured
And by popular actions the people allured.
And though, for a time, through Matilda's success
He felt as a captive, the deepest distress
Yet Fortune once more, plac'd the crown on his brow
And there it continued till Death laid him low.

Henry II. Born

King Henry the

In disputes an

His consort wa

Proud Becket

And when the

The monarch a

Then thatch'd

And the street

Henry II. Born 1132. Began to reign 1154. Died 1189.

King Henry the IInd Plantagenet called

In disputes and vexations was sadly enthralled
His consort was jealous, his sons took up arms
Proud Becket too filled him with serious alarm,
And when that arch-bishop had met with his doom
The monarch was scourged by the side of his tomb.
Then thatch'd houses in London, no longer were seen
And the streets too were paved for to keep them all
clean.

Richard Ist B.

Richard the Ist

Whose valour,

With the heart

And the fame

But forced by

This lover of

Thrice five

And then a

Richard Ist. Born. 1157. Began to reign 1189. Died. 1199.

Richard the Ist next ascended the throne
Whose valour, no doubt to the reader is known
With the heart of a lion all danger he faced
And the famous Crusades with his presence he graced,
But forced by a storm upon Italy's coast
This lover of fighting his liberty lost (staid
Thrice five tedious months in confinement he
And then a vast sum for his ransom was (paid

John. Born

John, sworn

To the Pontif

His Corons, in

And Jam'd Ma

But charters &

A monarch fr

His standard

But fever

John. Born 1165. Began to reign 1199. Died. 1216.

John, surnamed Lackland, 'tis said to his shame
To the Pontiff of Rome a proud vassal became.
His barons, indignant, then marshall'd their bands
And fram'd Magna Charta obtain'd from his hands
But charters & oaths were unable to bind
A monarch possessing so treach'rous a mind.
His standard he rais'd & his influence tried
But fever assail'd him - he sicken'd & died.

Henry III. Be

The next in s

Who seldom

The sums he

And shew'd

His barons a

And Henry

But peace

And war

Henry III. Born 1207. Began to reign 1206 Died 1272.

The next in succession was Henry the third
Who seldom regarded his oath or his word
The sums he exacted, he lavishly spent
And shew'd his profusion wherever he went
His barons at length were in battle array'd
And Henry near Lewes, a pris'ner was made
But peace was restored after Leicester was slain
And war rag'd no more till the end of his
(reign.

Edward I. Born

Edward, called The
Was very successful
In Wales and
And the blood
In London also
Two hundred's
But this as an
And a prince
of his

Edward I. Born. 1207. Began to reign 1216. Died. 1307.

Edward, called Longshanks, from all that we hear
Was very successful, but very severe;
In Wales and in Scotland his terrors he spread,
And the blood of their poets & warriors he shed;
In London alone, of the Jews as they say
Two hundred & eighty, he hang'd in one day
But this as an act of stern justice was done
And a prince the Welsh found in the birth
of his Son.

Edward II.

King Edward
Was chiefly
His fav'rite
Till his qu

Deposed & d
And from
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Edward II. Born 1284. Began to reign 1307. Died 1327.

King Edward the Second Caernarvon Surmised
Was chiefly for follies and sufferings fam'd
His fav'rites his time and affection engross'd
Till his queen proved untrue and his rep-
-re was lost;

Deposed & despised to the Tower he went
And from prison to prison was afterwards sent
There at leisure he mourned, over scenes that were past
And by ruffians was cruelly murdered at last.

Edward III.

For Edward
The love & re
In France
he fought
And their m
He built wo
The "knights
To science &
And now the

Edward III. Born. 1312. Began to reign 1327. Died. 1377.

For Edward the third, as historians relate
The love & respect of his subjects were great
In France and in Scotland most bravely
he fought (brought
And their monarchs as pris'ners to England he
He built Windsor Castle; & writers have stated
The "knights of the garter" by him were created;
To science & merit his name was endear'd
And now the reformer John Wickliffe appeared.

Richard II. Born.

King Richard
Ascended the throne
Wat Tyler's rebellion
Got proved his
His barons to
And forced him
His crown he
in vain,
For at Pontefract

Richard II. Born. 1367. Began to reign. 1378. Murdered 1400.

King Richard the IInd as we have been told
ascended the throne at eleven years old.
Wat Tyler's rebellion he soon overthrew
Yet proved himself weak & impolitic too.
His barons took arms & resisted his power
And forced him to seek a retreat in the Tower.
His crown he resigned, but resign'd it
in vain, (was slain.
In at Pontefract Castle poor Richard

Henry IV. Born.

When Richard
To Lancasters
But scarcely had
When plots &
But by vigour
And many ab
In this reign
was spilt
Fam'd Whitting

Henry IV. Born. 1367. Began to reign. 1399. Died 1413.

When Richard the Second to prison was driven
To Lancaster's Duke the dominion was given;
But scarcely had Henry the Fourth been crown'd
When plots & rebellions began to abound
But by vigorous measures these all were ^{sup}press'd
And many abuses were partly redress'd. ^{press'd}
In this reign the first blood of the Lollards
was spill'd

Sam'l Whittington liv'd & Guildhall was rebuilt.

Henry VIth. Bo.

Of splendour

King Henry

In London

Who when

But weak

France was

Civil war

were de

Edward

Henry VIth. Born 1388. Began to reign 1413. Died 1422.

Of splendour unconscious, to govern unable
King Henry the VIth was a babe in his cradle
In London & Paris they crowned this poor child
Who when he grew up, proved meek, merciful, mild;
But weak were his measures & feeble his sway
France was lost & the English refus'd to obey.
Civil war soon blaz'd out, plots on plots
were disclos'd. (deposed.
Edward triumphed in arms, & the king was

Edward Vth Bo

Young Edward

For Richard reg

Both him & his

And caus'd the

In a chest, at the

Till a hundre

Then to the

were remo

as the lines

Edward Vth Born 1473 Accession 1483 Smothered 1483.

Young Edward the Vth was a king but in name
for Richard regardless of sin or of shame

Both him & his brother depriv'd of their right,
And caus'd the poor boys to be smother'd one night,

In a chest, at the foot of a staircase they lay,

Till a hundred & ninety one years roll'd away.

Then to Westminster Abbey their bones
were remov'd, (have proved

as the lines on their monument dearly

Richard III. B

The monarch
Of whom man
Was sullen, &
To England
Detested he
For though be
By Richmond
Slain)
In his thirty

Richard III. Born 1450. Began to reign. 1483. Died 1485.

The monarch called Crookback or Richard the Third
of whom many tragical stories you've heard,
Was sullen, reserv'd, cruel, treach'rous and base,
To England a scourge & a stain to her race.
Detested he liv'd and detested he died,
For though brave he possessed not a virtue beside,
By Richmond at Bosworth the tyrant was
slain) (his reign:
In his thirty fourth year and the third of

Henry VII. Born

In Henry the V

The houses of

And though

the crow

Both Simne

Though Henry

The beautiful

In his reign

But, at Richm

Henry VII. Born. 1457. Began to reign 1485 Died 1509.

In Henry the VIIth and his consort we find
The houses of York & of Lancaster joined;
And though two pretenders laid claim to
the crown.) (put down

Both Simnel & Warbeck were quickly

Though Henry loved money, he ear'd for his fame

The beautiful chapel which still bears his name

In his reign the West Indies were also found out

But, at Richmond in Surrey he died of the gout

Edward VI.

King Edward

ascended the

the Latin

And under

He founded

And half

He favoured

But died

Edward VI. Born 1537 Began to reign 1547. Died 1553.

King Edward the Sixth when but nine years
of age. (sage.

Ascended the throne with the mind of a
The Latin & French, he could fluently speak
And understood Spanish, Italian, and Greek.

He founded Christ's hospital, crowns he first coined
And half crowns beside as in history we find.

He favoured the cause of the great reformation
But died at sixteen, to the grief of the nation.

Mary. Born

In Mary the
a furious
The Duke of
With her

all led
And Ridley,
as martyrs,
But Heaven
And Mary.

Mary. Born 1516 Began to reign 1553. Died. 1558 —

In Mary the consort of Philip, were seen
a furious bigot, and merciless queen,

The Duke of Northumberland, Lady Jane Grey
With her lord, to the scaffold were
all led away; (died,

And Ridley, and Crammer, and Latimer
as martyrs, with hundreds of subjects beside;
But Heaven interfer'd, bleeding England to save,
And Mary, detested, sunk into her grave.

Elizabeth. 1

Elizabeth n

She aided m

The boasted

And its spo

But Scotland

And Essex m

The Royal Ea

And gunpow

Elizabeth. Born 1553. Began to reign 1558. Died. 1603.

Elizabeth next had a glorious reign
She aided the Protestants, humbled proud Spain;
The boasted Armada her warriors o'ertrew, (view.
And its spoils in the Tower our readers may
But Scotland's unfortunate Queen claims a sigh,
And Essex the fav'rite was sentenced to die.
The Royal Exchange was now built it is said;
And gunpowder first by the English was made.

James Ist. Bor

James the first
The crowns of
And though
He found out
In this reign
His foes, the
The new River
= shire

And whales

James I.st Born 1536. Began to reign 1603. Died 1625.

James the first, who in learning & hunting delighted
The crowns of Old England & Scotland united
And though in the air, he was doom'd to be blown
He found out the plot & remained on his throne
In this reign a translation of scripture was made;
His foes, the great Raleigh to ruin betray'd;
The new River to London was from Hertford-
shire brought (caught.

And whales were near Greenland by Englishmen

Charles I.st Born

Charles the first

Involv'd in

He fought and

in so

He soon was

The Parliament

and a scaffold

Though Little

He excell'd as

Charles Ist Born 1600. Began to reign 1625 Beheaded. 1649.

Charles the first to prerogative strongly inclined,
Involv'd in a civil commotion we find.

He fought and he struggled — but all prov'd
in vain,

He soon was made prisoner, his forces were slain;
The Parliament triumphed, the king was depos'd
and a scaffold the scene of his sufferings clos'd
Though Littleton says, who his history has penn'd
He excell'd as a husband a father & friend.

Charles I. then then began to reign 1625. Rehearsed. 1649.

Cromwell. Pro

Insidious L

Was Cromwe

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Who the gove

And "Protector of

But, though n

His life was

and when

as never was

Cromwell. Protector. Born 1599. Died 1658.

Insidious & crafty, though brave without doubt
Was Cromwell who turned the long Par-
-liament out; (framed,

Who the government into a Commonwealth
And "Protector of England" was solemnly named.

But, though his ambition was crown'd with success
His life was embitter'd by anxious distress;
And when he expired such a hurricane blew,
As never was witness'd by me, or by you —

Charles IInd Born

Charles The Second

roam,

Whilst Cromwell

But when Oliver

Gen'ral Monk, so

In this reign the

And Blood stole the

The Thame was so

And tooths were

Charles IInd Born 1630 Began to reign 1660. Died. 1685.

Charles the Second was doom'd as an exile to
roam, (home,

Whilst Cromwell was styled "Lord Protector" at

But when Oliver died, by consent of the nation,

Gen'ral Monk, soon effected the king's restoration.

In this reign the great fire of London occur'd;

And Blood stole the crown from the ~~Lower~~ I've heard;

The Thames was so frozen that coaches plied there

And booths were erected, resembling a fair.

James II.nd 1

James the Sec
When his folly
The Protestant
And did by
The brave de
The nation to
But the farm's
And the bigott

James IInd Born 1633. Began to reign 1685. Died 1701.

James the Second had scarcely ascended the throne,
When his folly and bigotry both were made known;
The Protestant he resolved to overthrow,
And did by degrees all a tyrant could do.
The brave duke of Monmouth attempted in vain
The nation to rouse and their rights to regain;
But the fann'd Prince of Orange more fortunate prov'd
And the bigotted James from his kingdom remov'd.

William III and
Great William,
Came forward
And Britons
Placed the crown
With Mary
And in battle
The famed King
And historians

William III and Mary. W. Born 1651. Accession. 1689. Died. 1702.

Great William, judicious, sagacious and brave,
Came forward Great Britain to succour and save;
And Britons by feelings of gratitude led,
Placed the crown on their gallant deliverer's head.
With Mary his consort, he happily reigned
And in battle fresh laurels he constantly gain'd.
The fam'd Bank of England, now first claim'd attention
And historians now the first bayonets mention. (on

Anne. Born

Queen Anne was

A series of glorious

And, spite of

Truly honour'd

In this reign the

In Marlborough's

And now flourish

With Addison Co

Anne. Born 1664. Began to reign 1702. Died. 1714.

Queen Anne who commanders of war employ'd,
A series of glorious successes enjoy'd,
And, spite of all foes, and all factions beside,
Truly honour'd she liv'd & lamented she died.
In this reign the fine mansion of Blenheim was rais'd
For Marlborough's duke, so deservedly prais'd;
And now flourish'd Swift, Pope, Arbuthnot & Rowe,
With Addison Congreve & more than you know.

George I.st Bor

George The

Succeeded in

and acted as

as to gain

His Parliam

The South

To prevent the

And the R

George I.st Born 1660. Began to reign 1714. Died 1727.

George the First, as Elector of Hanover known,
Succeeded illustrious Anne on the Throne;
and acted so prudently in his new station
As to gain the esteem & respect of the nation.
New Parliament men were for 7 years elected;
The South Sea delusion was found and detected;
To prevent the small pox a new method was tried;
And the King on a journey, at Osnaburg died.

George IInd. Born

George the Second

Swayed the sceptre

His virtues more

But his justice

Rebellion was

Whilst by sea & by

The British The

And the old Style

George IInd. Born 1683 Began to reign 1727. Died. 1760

George the Second though plain in his mode of address,
Swayed the sceptre of Britain with brilliant success.

His virtues more useful than splendid appeared
But his justice was spotless his name was rever'd.

Rebellion was crush'd & good order maintain'd

Whilst by sea & by land many vict'ries were gain'd

The British Museum now open'd to view,

And the old Style was chang'd in this year for the New.

George III. Born

George the Third

Acted well thro

When the Firm

And kings from

Unappall'd by

And by firmness

His reign was

To fifty nine y

George III. Born 1738. Began to reign 1760 Died. 1820.

George the Third of his people the father and friend
Acted well through his reign from beginning to end;
When the French revolution astonish'd the world
And kings from their thrones in succession were hurld
Unappall'd by the storm, every danger he brav'd
And by firmness his kingdom from anarchy sav'd
His reign was extended (let Heav'n have the praise)
To fifty nine years and three months and four days.

And now though this virtuous monarch be dead
An excellent Sovereign we have in his Stead:
And each loyal Briton will fervently pray
That the sceptre he long may continue to sway;
That, in peace, he hereafter may sink to his tomb,
And his name be revered in the ages to come.

be dead

stead:

pray

to sway;

to his tomb,

to come.

An old

Thultry

An old Lesson, in a new Dress
or the
Multiplication Table in Rhyme.

Twice one

Twice two

Twice four

At ten

Twice six

To four

Twice eight

For eight

Twice one are two — twice two are four
Twice three you know, are six;
Twice four are eight — and then twice five.
At ten we safely fix.

Twice six are twelve, — twice seven, if tried,
To fourteen will amount
Twice eight are sixteen, and twice nine
For eighteen we may count.

Twice ten, if they be multiplied,
Make twenty, and no more;
But twice eleven are twenty two,-
Twice twelve are twenty-four.

Now three times three will form just nine
Thrice four bring twelve to view;
Then three times five will make fifteen
Thrice six are eighteen too.

If three times
They'll com
And twenty
Before ou

Now three
Thrice ten
Three times
Thrice two

If three times seven we reckon up,
They'll come to twenty-one;
And twenty-four thrice eight will make
Before our task is done.

Now three times nine are twenty seven
Thrice ten at thirty six;—
Three times eleven are thirty-three
Thrice twelve are thirty-six.

Well, four times four will sixteen show
While four times five make twenty
And four times six are twenty four
Which you must own are plenty.

Then four times seven are twenty eight
Four eights are thirty two
And four times nine just thirty six
Will offer to your view.

If four times
As both m
Four times e
Four twelv

Now five time
And five
Will thirty
Are thirty

ten show
twenty
four
twenty.

twenty eight
six

If four times ten should forty prove
As both my tutors state; —
Four times eleven are forty four,
Four twelves are forty eight.

Now five times five are twenty five,
And five times six plac'd here
Will thirty give, but five times seven
Are thirty five my dear.

Then if you reckon five times eight
Just forty you will see
and five times nine upon your slate
Will five and forty be.

Now five times ten are fifty men
All marching near the Shore;
Five times eleven are fifty five
Five times twelve are three-score.

Well: six times
And six
For forty
Make f

If six times
Six tens
Six times
Six twelve

eight

or slate

men.

e.

e

-score

Well: six times six are thirty six
And six times seven may go
For forty two; and six times eight
Make forty eight you know.

If six times nine be fifty four
Six tens for sixty do
Six times eleven are sixty six
Six twelves are seventy two.

Now seven times seven are forty nine
And seven times eight you see
Are fifty six; and seven times nine
Amount to sixty three.

Then seven times ten we seventy count
(Don't stand so near the door)
Seven times eleven are seventy-seven,
Seven twelves are eighty four.

Now eight times
Just six
And eight
The age of
Well! eight
Eight times
Just eighty
Make nine

Now eight times eight, if I am right
Just sixty four will make;
And eight times nine are seventy-two
The age of neighbour Lake.

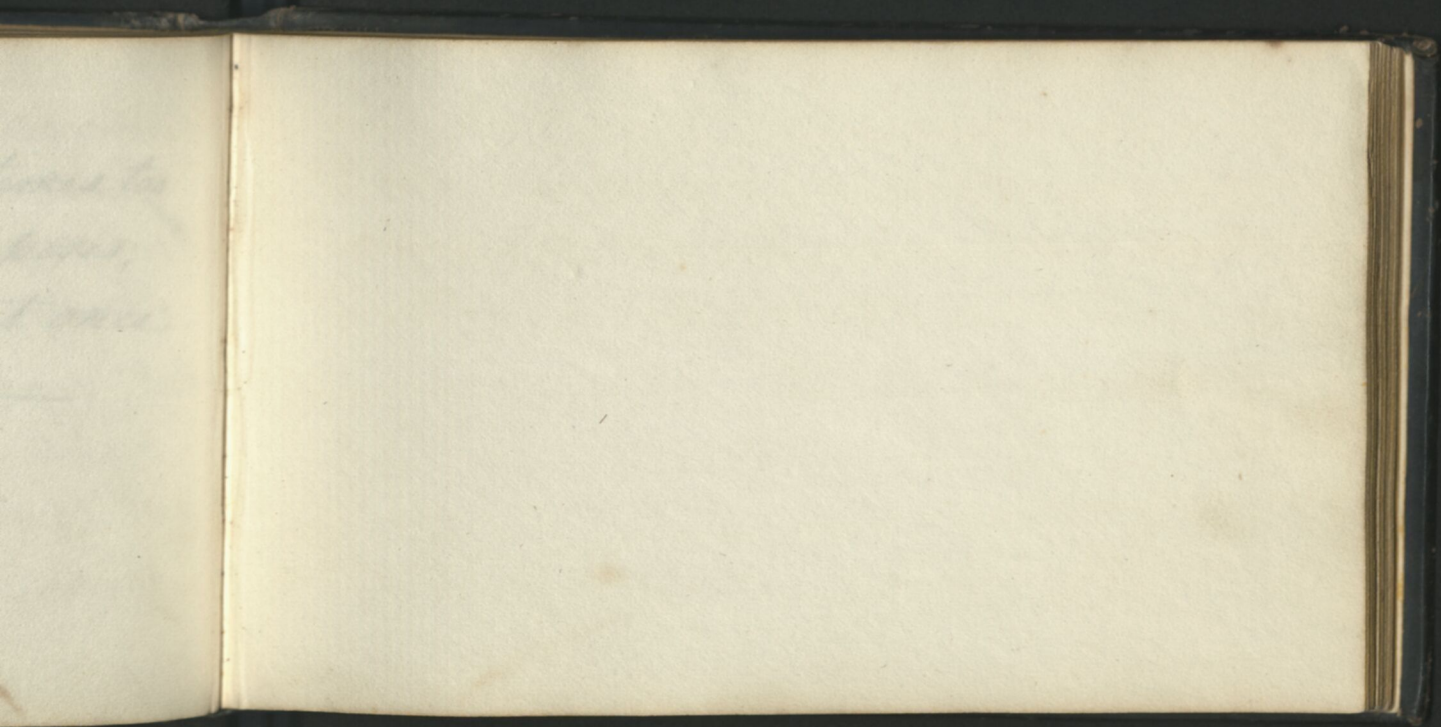
Well! eight times ten will form fourscore
Eight times eleven will be
Just eighty eight; - and eight times twelve
Make ninety six I see.

Nine-ten, eleven, and twelve times too
Come next some friend supposes;
But here's enough to learn at once
So now my table closes —

res too
ses;
once

There - the water and timber trees too
some not more fertile
but less enough to leave at once
of some very little value

For the eleven and twelve times to
time with some friend's supplies,
but had enough to learn at once
of my father's class.



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